An Essay

on

Homoeopathy vs Allopathy

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Truth is truth whether believed or disbelieved.

The fundamental doctrine of Homoeopathy, is, that diseases are cured by those medicines which are capable of producing, when given internally, analagous symptoms in the healthy organisme

This constitutes the fundamental basis upon which the whole Superstructure of our glorious Science rests; and, if this one assertion can be proved to be false or untrue, then necessarily will the whole fabric fall to the ground; but so far from the latter being true, the very opposite is constantly confirmed by the matured experience of many thousands of careful and accurate observers every day of our lives

Notwithstanding the many difficulties and strenuous oppositions offered to the progress of Homeopathy, as a Science, the number of its adherents is almost daily being multiplied by hundreds; while, with all the ill devised deadly weapons missled against its existence by the most bitter opponents, all the scathing satyr heaped upon it for ages, it still survives the conquest, and upon its escutcheon will be found written its triumphant success, in indelible characters

It has achieved triumphs that the world never before beheld; it has won grand laurels more brilliant than gold

It is no longer scouted or denounced by the learned, refined and scientific

, but on the contrary, is now recognized as an acknowledged Science, while, its doctrines are being disseminated throughout the whole Civilized world with entire success to the cause, and thereby adding millions to the number of those, who worship at her Shrine, and who seeth in vain, to find relief from the thousand ill to which flesh is heir, ~~&~~ elsewhere

The truth of the law is no longer doubted and, therefore, universally applied by all true devotees of progress and Science

Fortunate for Suffering humanity, is it, that such is the case; for Allopathy with all its theoretical dogmas, its boasted knowledge of Anatomy Physiology, Pathology etc

, its antiquated doctrines and the powerful influence it can wield over the many millions who are yet benighted worshippers at its temple, and consequently the willing recipients of the deadly wounds it is capable of inflicting by its Scientific vomiting, purging, bleeding and sweating, has been weighed in the balance and found wanting

It is perfectly impotent in the treatment of disease and therefore, inadequate to the task it has assumed

It may very consistently be classed with the insane delusions of the dark ages and still propagated by those who are entitled to share its honors by hereditary descent

However truth is just being brought
to light by the investigation of Scientific
minds, and by this means, only,
is the onward progress of our glorious
therapeutic law to be effected
For this great desideratum, there
are now being instituted every
facility to effect its accomplishment.

Look at those powerful engines
of instruction, the Homoeopathic
Colleges, already at work in the field
of truth and Science, sending
out their hundreds of disciples
equipped to combat the King
of Terrors

Hahneman— It is now something
more than half a century since
the illustrious Hahneman first
promulgated his doctrines of
the fundamental law of cure—

– Homoeopathy, which bears the impress
of its learned and profound founder,
as is manifested by the number
of its adherents, the superiority
of its success as contrasted
with Old School Physic, and the
rapid ascendancy it is gaining
over old Allopathy

Notwithstanding the most invidious
attempts that have been made to
arrest its progress, and the persever-
ing opposition offered by the
assailants of our system, it
has prospered from time to time
until its merits and claims
are now universally appreciated
by which it has become entitled
to the rank of an acknowledged
Science

And we believe that, in spite of the intrigues of its opponents its onward progress can not nor will not be arrested until ere long the law of "Similia Similibus Curantur" is universally recognized and acknowledged as the only true law of Cure

Doctor Hahnemann was born in 1755 at Meissna in Upper Saxony and possessing the superior genius, talent and ability together with the masterly perception and power of accurate observation which he did, led as might be expected to the development of truth which had remained obscured and consequently unavailable previous to his time

After completing the ordinary course
of Medical Studies as prescribed in
the University of Leipsic and finding
so many conflicting doctrines in
medical Science, so many vague
and hypothetical opinions in the
medical profession, he resolved
to abandon them all as worthless
and only tending to confuse and
bewilder the young practitioner.

And though ridiculed by
his colleagues, he still continued
with his indefatigable search
after truth which nature seems
to have endowed him with; and
after having performed a series
of experiments upon himself
and other healthy organisms,
he finally established the great
law, that, medicines to prove

curative in disease, must be capable of producing similar symptoms in the healthy organism; and hence, after numerous and repeated experiments the results of which confirmed this doctrine, the establishment of the new system of cure which has since achieved the glories of a triumphant victory amid the contemptuous revilings of the Old School.

Nor need this be wondered at, if we consider the impotence of their weapons to combat disease, compared to ours.

Hahnemann was only alone while cultivating and perfecting it; for, after a few years spent in his successful operations, he began to draw around him

a band of disciples, and strange to say, even Physicians of the Old School who considered Homoeopathy a mere delusion of the fancy, become converts to the new System and since that period, have Physicians of the Old School, whose minds were, at all, susceptible of inquiry and investigation, been constantly flocking over to the ranks of Homoeopathy, until now, it is triumphantly practised in every civilized country on the Globe

Its superior merits are more strikingly evinced by the establishment of Chartered Colleges in the most Civilized of Countries, the United States of America where in the Student can acquire a thorough and accurate

knowledge of the glorious therapeutic law of Similia &c

This success could only be the result of some System, that rests upon certain definite and unchangeable laws of nature; and this view is constantly confirmed by the many and varied rich acquisitions to Homoeopathy, which every day enhance its value by so many new discoveries that are being made, in new and in the properties of drugs

The Science of Homoeopathy rests upon a solid and fundamental basis that cannot be supplanted by any unsupported theory, or speculative views of old Allopathy; no matter how deep the investigation

how profound the argument or how scientific or plausible the theory

The facts which sustain our system are the result of over 50 years of experience by which its superiority has gone forth to the world branded with indelible characters of success

From the valuable acquisitions of men possessing scientific minds, that have been made during the past few years, to the ranks of Homoeopathy, we may without any stretch of the imagination be allowed to predict its universal adoption, by the great mass of civilization, in preference to any other system of cure, and that, too, before a very distant period

Having already dwelt briefly on the Homœopathy of the past, it behooves one now to remark that, as the ball has already been set in motion, it is not unlikely to suppose that, ere long, it will be rolled home, though contrary to the wishes of those who have struggled in their interest, to suppress its progress, by perverting the truth and have no scruples to coin the most intolerable expressions for the purpose of misrepresenting our System to the public; to make an erroneous impression concerning its pretentions, in order to inflict an injustice on their brother practitioners and finally to deceive poor-

suffering humanity with the view of self aggrandizement; that being their only course by which to sustain themselves and avoid the necessity of acknowledging an error and receiving the truth.

We are happy to be able to see the stone rolling on rapidly to its destined home

Fortunately for the good of humanity these libelious assertions are made with a greater degree of caution, than formerly, and when they are reported, even from the great sources of light (the Lancet), they make a very transitory impression on minds of the enlightened public

The fact is, that, mankind are making rapid strides in the arts and sciences; and why not the Science of Medicine keep pace with the other great principles of our Constitutional action, from the number of its votaries and the increased facilities which the present age affords for the pursuing and perfecting knowledge of any kind?

Owing to the peculiarity of humanity there are always plenty of Critics who stand ready equipped to denounce the most Scientific discovery, or, to Scandalize the inventor of even the most useful of arts; nor could it be otherwise

from the very genius of Homœopathy, and therefore, it need not be wondered at, that Hahnemann's discovery in Medicine was looked upon with feelings of fear and exasperation, from those whose position, in Society, was subject to be overturned by the development of any new truth which would be likely to expose, to view, the fallacy of their doctrines

It is very natural for men to avoid acknowledging a long practised error.

Homœopathy aspires to nothing, but truth robed in a garb of simplicity; it claims nothing it does not merit; it rests upon an

immutable law in nature
as its fundamental basis;
it has never retrograded, never
been demolished or remodelled,
but on the other hand has ever
since its first promulgation,
by its venerable founder, been
the same system constantly
progressing onward to a state
of maturity without reference
to theory or speculation.

For am I from extolling
Homoeopathy beyond what its
merits demand, but having
contrasted the Homoeopathic
practice with that of old School
Physic, I am forced to conclude
that, the only safe and reliable
treatment in disease, is to be
found in the Homoeopathic

; At the same time I would not be understood as speaking at all derogatory to the Allopathist or to detract in any degree from the old School Skill, but am perfectly willing to award it all it deserves

However, it behoves Homoeopathic practitioners not to relax their energies in devoting all their powers of mind to careful inquiries and rigid observations; to continue to collect and compile those noble truths, that are yet unknown, in our great achievements, by which means, it will yet continue to prosper with accelerated progression

Ours is a progressive Science
but what is Allopathy and
what are its Constituences
if any? I believe it would
be a difficult task to point
out any definite principle
or basis upon which it rests,
without bringing in the aid
of some theory or theories which
have been handed down for
upwards of two thousand years
Its doctrine, if any, ought
to be "Contraria Contrariis Curan-
-tur" or that diseases are cured
by those medicines which will
produce opposite Symptoms
to the disease in the Sound
Organism; but do they follow
this law? I think not; for, the
simple reason, that it is an

impossibility to effect cure by this mode of treatment.

But we find their best authors denouncing their own System as being dangerous

Sir Astley Cooper says "the Science of Medicine is founded on conjecture and supported by murderers"

This at once shows an utter want of confidence on his part, and such a man certainly deserves great credit for manly acknowledging his own convictions

Many others, equally conspicuous in the profession, have become such complete sceptics as to relinquish the

practice of Quackery altogether, feeling that there was no safety in medical treatment to be relied on, which allowed to expose the Chaotic State of Allopathy

Now this State of things does not obtain in Homœopathy; never in a single instance has a thoroughly competent Homœopathic practitioner been known to deny the Law of "Similia" &c.

From this, it appears, that the Allopathic School consists of a series of theories and speculative views which rest upon mere conjecture for a foundation, and which are beyond the possibility of demonstration

Thus, it has been full of innovations since the time of Hippocrates presiding in the employment of agents the properties of which were not understood beyond the limits of empiricism

And Oh! how detestable this absurd practice is, is only known by the thousands of poor invalids who have unfortunately fallen victims to its ravages

Alas! how many have been deprived of the use of their limbs, or, become decrepid for life time through the injudicious administration of mammoth doses of that heroic agent, Mercury

Indeed it is beyond the power of human Conception to imagine the aggregate amount of

human Suffering caused by this one agent in the hands of Allopathic

Old School Physicians are not ignorant of its pernicious and dangerous effects, and yet they still continue their heroic doses, and more, they are upheld and protected by Government

Under such auspices, they still continue to tamper with human life with as much recklessness as in the days of ancient Medicine

In Canada where about thirty Homoeopaths have been practising with remarkable success for the past year, the old School fearing lest their System might be marred or upset by the light of the new System, and thus, lose its popularity, made application

to the Government to form themselves into an association to completely monopolize the practice of Medicine and thus exclude any Reformer in Medicine no matter how well educated he might be; but unfortunately for them, Homeopathy has attained too deep a foothold already in Canada to be so easily crushed. We have a responsible Government and the people will not submit to the passing of any law compelling poor patients to call in a Physician, whom they know will poison them

Having thus far in our essay dwelt upon the subject in a general view we now come to the special points

of difference between our System and the Old

We shall now endeavour, as briefly as possible, to point out some of the general principles to be adhered to in our System of general therapeutics, while, at the same time, we shall attempt to point out some of the inconsistencies of Old School Physic

And in doing so, we shall confine ourselves to the fundamental principles of Homoeopathy upon which our Science is based and a correct knowledge of which is essential to a proper understanding and appreciation of the Special principles of Homoeopathic treatment

First then, we believe, that, in Homoe-
-opathy, will be found, the means, if
the Physician be consulted in time
, to comfort, if not Cure, all the most
formidable diseases to which flesh
is heir

Let us now proceed to exam
-ine some of the chief points of
difference between Old and New
Physic

In Homoeopathy all drugs are
proven on the healthy organism
by which a correct knowledge of
all the physiological effects or symp-
-toms any drug is capable of
producing, on the healthy may
be carefully observed, and at the
same time affording an opportu-
-nity of determining the precise
organ or organs upon which the

drug exerts its Specific action.
In other words this discloses all the
phenomena characterizing the
drug disease

We claim this to be the only true
way in which a correct knowledge
of the effects of drugs can be obtained

Now let us see, what are the
advantages of this proceeding over
the empirical System

In the first place, it will be observed,
that the Proving Physician improves
his powers of observation and acquires
the habit of minutely noting all
the symptoms of the disease, which
are of great value to him in forming
a correct diagnosis; in the second
place, by proving the drugs on him-
self, he cultivates his perceptive
faculties by means of which he can

appreciate the curative effects of the drugs on his own person unmixed with a heterogenous compound of different agents

This mode of becoming acquainted with the physiological as well as curative effects of drugs we claim to be peculiar to our System! and it is, we assert the only true way by which the Physician can become thoroughly acquainted with the instruments placed at his disposal for the treatment of disease; and to use them without their true pathogenesis being known, is the worst form of Empiricism, but this is just what the old School are doing every day, therefore, it follows that they are Empirics

Hahnemann was the first to demonstrate the necessity of this course in order to construct a Materia Medica Pura, and it is from his laborious and enthusiastic experiments, that such brilliant results have gone forth to the World, showing the ground work of homeopathy and affording a safe guide to all pure experimenters in the field of truth

Hahnemann zealously carried on his laborious experiments upon his own body and also those of his disciples, noting with the utmost care, all the Symptoms; at the great sacrifice of time and health This constitutes one of the great features of our science and places it beyond empiricism

and brings it within the rule of
a reliable Science

It was by this mode of proving
medicines, that Hahnemann discov-
-ered the two-fold effects of medicines
designated by the terms "primary" and
"secondary" and which, had remai-
-ned unknown until his time

Alas! how different is the
Homoeopathic Materia Medica
from that of the Old School which
may be said to consist of an
assemblage of heteropenous and
unreliable Symptoms observed
at the sick bed; for, who can discri-
-minate between the effect of the
drug given to a sick patient and
those of the natural disease itself?
What is still more lamentable and
unscientific, is, to see them give

every drug in company with a whole host of others forming a most complicated compound and rendering it quite impossible to know the true effects, even if the individual properties were known

Indeed, it is as absurd, as it is foolish, to attempt to prove drugs on the diseased organism; for, as we said before, no man can discriminate between the symptoms of the disease itself and those of the drug, yet this is the only way that Old School Physicians obtain a knowledge of their remedies

This is an objection to their System To their System, they, with all their theories, cannot answer

So far, then, we have found that Homoeopathy maintains an ascendency

over old Physic which surrendered a superior position as a Science

It is owing to this fact of Empiricism, that old Physic does not; nor cannot advance a single step in the successful treatment of disease; for the very reason that, it does not possess a single guiding principle in the treatment of disease; and hence, the diversity of opinion among the different members of the Allopathic profession, in regard to what is and what is not the most effectual mode of treatment.

The Allopath is like a ship without a rudder, a mariner without a compass, nothing to guide him.

Before the old School Materia Medica can ever be used with confidence

, it must be remodelled and construc-
-ted on the plan adopted by
Hahnemann, and as soon as
this occurs, it will soon merge
into the Homoeopathic Materia
Medica, because the Law of "Similia
Similibus Curantur" is invariably
confirmed when, the pathogenetic
effects of our drugs and the cura-
-tive effects which have been
observed by their employment of
drugs, are compared with such
other

From this it is evident that all
cures performed by Allopathic
practitioners, not attributable to
the Recuperative powers of the System,
are performed Homoeopathically
, that is, upon finding out the
pathogenesis of the drug, it would

be found to be Similar to the disease

This very fact goes a great way in establishing the universality of the law of "Similitude"

Again Old School Physicians allege, that homoeopathists only deal with Symptoms and leave out of view the "Cause" of disease altogether

Hahneman may have been charged with this neglect, but it most certainly is not true with homoeopathic practitioners of the present day, who although, it is their imperative duty, to make a full investigation of all the Symptoms of disease yet, this charge upon modern practitioners would be a manifest injustice because every one knows right well

that; without a knowledge of the "causa occasionalis" the practitioner would fail to select the proper remedy, since the symptoms of two dissimilar diseases might happen to be apparently alike, and this difference could only be recognized by tracing the symptoms to their true exciting cause.

Many examples might be given illustrative of this point, but we shall suppose them familiar to all, and pass them over for want of space in our Essay.

Let it be distinctly understood, that it is inculcated in the mind of the student of homœopathy, from the time he is first directed to enquire into its truths & simplicity

as one of his chief landmarks to investigate and ascertain the "Cause Occasionalis" before applying treatment; and this ought to silence those unfounded accusations constantly being made by the opponents of our School

We believe with old School Physicians, that there are certain internal morbid changes said to constitute the essence of the diseases which accompany the external symptoms; but at the same time, we do not feel disposed to base our principles of cure upon them for the reason, that our perceptions cannot be sufficiently clear, as to these internal changes

If we take the totality of the visible symptoms which constitute the disease in a curative point of view, we have a sufficient guide in making an appropriate selection of the remedy

But in doing so, we do not deny the existence of some invisible cause operating on the vital powers, but we do assert, that, if we combat the visible phenomena, and cause them to disappear, then the internal cause must, as a consequence, be removed; for, since effects follow causes, if the effect is removed the cause must necessarily cease to exist.

Again, we make use of the various physical means of diagnosis, as auscultation and percussion

tic as also the pathological changes which occur and by which a more correct knowledge of the internal phenomena may be obtained

We have to be much more minute in our examination of a patient than the Allopath, because, we prescribe for the totality of the Symptoms, they for a single Symptom

Hahnemann says, "This examination of a particular case of disease with the intent of presenting it in its formal shape and individuality, only demands, on the part of the physician, an unprejudiced mind, sound understanding, attention and fidelity in observing and tracing the image of the disease"

Another point of difference, it will be seen is, that an Old School Physician prescribes for the name of a disease, simply without any reference to the adaptation to the particular adaptation of the remedy to the Symptoms and is often found giving a patient a half dozen or more remedies at a time, the very fact of which indicates his utter want of knowledge of the properties of the drugs he is using

Not so with the Homoeopath; he, according to his System of Therapeutics, prescribes for every particular case of disease without any reference to the name whatever

Now, it is well known to all, that the same disease may under different circumstances manifest

itself in a variety of types, and, hence, the homoeopath prescribes a different remedy for each type of symptoms whereas the Allopath invariably gives his usual Compound or mixture which may by chance hit the disease, but in a majority of instances leaves nature to combat the case, and place it at his credit.

Again, another chief point of difference is in the selection of the remedy in accordance with the symptoms of the disease

The homoeopath considers the totality of the visible symptoms as an index to the internal morbid condition, and after having once fully investigated these symptoms he immediately proceeds to select the

the right remedy most likely to effect a speedy cure, which he knows from its pathogenesis being similar to that of the disease

Thus it is, that the thoroughly educated homoeopath finds himself at no loss to prescribe for his patient; for having made an examination of the case and noted all the phenomena, he then turns to his Mat. Med and there he finds the counterpart of the disease in some drug and by this means he is enabled to prescribe with much more certainty of success than the old School Physician who merely prescribes medicines for the name of the disease

It is to be remembered that; the greater the similarity the more exactly the medicine corresponds to the disease; for example, its period of action; the moral emotions; the exacerbations; the manner of action etc the more appropriate the remedy

: Another grand feature in our system is its prophylactics, by which certain ~~maladies~~ diseases may be prevented by the previous administration of the proper remedy; example Bell, for Scarlatina (the Smooth genuine Sydenhamian); acv, for Purpura Miliaria; Jul, for Varicella, measles etc

Now this peculiar advantage arises from the more accurate knowledge which we possess of our drugs than the old school physicians, their knowledge being derived from theories

unfounded and not confirmed by any experience

As for palliative treatment which the old School are so fond of employing, it might be necessary to state, that; the homoeopath under certain circumstances finds it necessary; when for instance it is entirely a hopeless case and treatment all of no avail, then, every good and judicious physician is bound to alleviate the sufferings and render the patient as comfortable as possible

The <u>derivitive</u> method so much applauded by the old School, is only another phase of the palliative and may in some rare instances be resorted to with benefit where dangerous organs are affected, but the old School, it may be remarked,

resort to this method so frequently, their chief object being not so much to effect a cure, but by giving large doses of medicine to attack some sound part of the organism in order to draw off the the disease from its existing point.

Here we see the Allopath with his "panacea", the various preparations (37) of Mercury, endeavouring to cure an almost innumerable No of Maladies by revulsion, his first aim being to prostrate the System as low as it will bear, by depletion and Calomel, and not allowing nature to react.

I consider it a most lamentable fact, that mankind should be such dupes as to submit to such treatment.

Here follows another point of difference; it is in reference to the dose given by the two Systems

We give just medicine enough to assist nature to react and expell the disease; on the other hand the Allop-ath Sets himself to work first to inst--ruct the System by abstracting the Vital blood of life; by giving purgatives, cathartics & emetics until the System is so exhausted that She is unable to react or resist any longer the inroa-ds of disease and then death closes the Scene

And what do the Physicians Say? Why all was done that could be done by man; yes, all was done to hasten the fatal termination

This is called Scientific treatment

Homoeopathy is entirely ignorant of the expectant method adopted sometimes by our brethren; we combat the Sympt-oms by their corresponding remedies

In all cases the attention of the Homoeopathic practitioner is directed to the disease and not to the name, and in doing so he does not introduce massive doses of poison into the System, as is frequently done in the old practice, creating an artificial drug disease much worse to cure, than the natural one

Nor does our System make use of excitants and various stimulants in massive doses to cure typhoid fever which generally is followed by a period of convulescence as long as the original disease or longer

Some Allopathic brothers accuse us of using no medicines at all and attribute our wonderful success to good dietetical rules laid down by our System; now before proceeding further I would take the liberty

of stating, that this assertion is entirely unfounded and has a tendency to bring our System into contempt when attacked so unscrupulously by our opponents

All ought to know that in homeopathy it is a cardinal point to give a sufficient quantity of medicine to excite the curative reaction of the organism without occasioning any unnecessary aggravation of the symptoms, which would only tend to impede the cure.

But the tools made use of by the homeopath are much more delicate and refined than those crude instruments employed by the old System

Owing to the peculiar way in which our drugs are prepared, a less quantity will produce a more powerful effect than in the crude state

Another reason why we find it necessary to give small doses, is, that the diseased organism is much more susceptible to the action of any agent than in health and therefore, if we do not wish to kill our patients we must give small doses

We give our remedies to act on the diseased tissues, while the old School give their medicines to act on some sound organ

Besides many substances are entirely inert when in a crude form but by trituration become highly medicinal

We contend for an inherent power in drugs which can no more be denied than the imponderable bodies, such as light, heat and electricity, which though devoid of weight, possess powerful properties

There is another fundamental principle in homoeopathy and, it is this, that only one remedial agent is given at a time; whereas by mixing several remedies together as is done in the Old School their peculiar effects either disturb each other's action or antidote, or else form a compound effect the results of which mixture it would more, I am sure, than puzzle a Philad.a Lawyer to ascertain

Before going further we should like to discuss the Prospects and show the absurdity of bloodletting in Inflammatory fever in old School practice, but Space will not permit us to enter upon this point, as we had intended, and, therefore, we shall for the present pass it over remarking

We, also, had stored our mind with a whole host of statistics from reliable sources in different parts of the Globe, showing the marked superiority of our practice over that of the old, but, for the same reason as before mentioned we must omit saying any thing about it, for the present.

The writer of the present Essay feels, that although much has already been done in the ranks of our profession; yet, there still remains a large field of ~~exploration~~ unexplored material to be moulded and placed at the disposal of the Physician in the healing art; and, if every member of the profession would but devote even a small portion of his time to effect that object, he would greatly contribute

to the rapid advancement of this progressive Science — for our Science has progression stamped upon it. from Hahneman down to the present time with unmistakeable characters

Let its onward march not be arrested by relaxing our energies at the present.

Let no Sectarian our own Systems, if we desire to have it upheld by others

The writer has endeavoured, so far, as his time would permit, to take up a few leading topics connected with Homœopathy. Showing the chief points of difference between its principles and those of Allopathy; but in doing so, for want of time and space; for this article has already

has already attained a greater limit than he designed at the outset; he has been compelled to omit a great deal of useful matter, which he hopes will be an apology for its various imperfections, promising to, at some future time, when opportunity presents itself, revise and add much more material at present omitted

He will engage to be a strong advocate of our glorious doctrine or therapeutic law "Similia similibus curantur". Claiming the indulgence of the Faculty for all imperfections and omissions in this essay

I beg to subscribe myself

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